

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (People of Immaculate Conception)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

Weekday; (7)

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

Weekday;

- 6:00 PM—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 7:00PM—Parish Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

Weekday;

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service, Coffee following
- 6:30 PM—Faith Formation, K-8

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

Weekday;

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

Weekday (7);

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019**

Weekday;



"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."  
 Luke 6:36

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

Sir 1:1-10  
 Ps 93:1-2, 5  
 Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday**

Sir 2:1-11  
 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40  
 9:30-37

**Wednesday**

Sir 4:11-19  
 Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175  
 Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday**

Sir 5:1-8  
 Ps 1:1-4, 6  
 Mk 9: 41-50



**Friday**

Sir 6:5-17  
 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35  
 Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday**

Sir 17:1-15  
 Ps 103:13-18  
 Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday**

Sir 27:4-7  
 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16  
 1 Cor 15:54-58  
 Lk 6:39-45

**Some Dates to Note**

Feb. 26—Liturgy Committee Meeting

Feb. 26—Parish Council Meeting



**Lenten Opportunities**

**Ash Wednesday:** March 6.

Communion services with distribution of Ashes will be at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

**Adoration:** Starting on Friday, March 8, we will have a half hour of adoration beginning at 6:00 PM. We will pray evening prayer.

**Stations of the Cross.** Starting on Friday, March 8, we will pray the stations of the cross at 6:30 PM. (You may come for adoration, for the stations, or for both.)

**Communion Service:** We will have our regular communion service on Wednesday morning at 9:00.

**Communal Reconciliation:** Communal reconciliation service will be held on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00 PM. (Other opportunities in the area will be listed in the bulletin in the future.)

**The Word Among Us, Five Minutes with the Word and The Little Black Book.:** These daily meditation books are in the gathering space for you to take. They each offer a different daily meditation.

**Rice Bowl:** The rice bowls are available in the gathering space. Rice bowl is a perfect way to observe the three practices of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.

**Sunday by Sunday Leaflet and Discussion Group.** *Sunday by Sunday* is a four page leaflet that opens up the reading for the next Sunday. They will be available for anyone who would like to take one. They are in the gathering space. While you may use the *Sunday by Sunday* on your own we will also host a small group discussion on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 and Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM. These will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14. (The morning session of February 14 will begin immediately after services since there will be no coffee that day.)

 Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

February 3—February 23

Envelopes .....	\$2172.00
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Catholic Messenger .....	\$145.00
Utilities .....	\$105.00
El Salvador Medical Mission Trip .....	\$519.00
Diocesan Cathedral .....	\$110.00



"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good."  
 Luke

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Betty Krueger)
- 12:00 PM—Coffee and donuts following mass.

**Mulligan Stew Lunch Cancelled**

Due to the cancellation of last month's meeting and some unavoidable conflicts with dates, the Knights have decided not to host a Mulligan Stew Lunch this year but hope they will be able to next year.

**Medical Mission Trip to El Salvador**

A group will again be going down to El Salvador on a medical mission trip. Your support of them in the past has been most generous and they are grateful. The first-Sunday-of-the-month collection for February will support the mission trip. List of Non-medicine Supplies for El Salvador

- Sunglasses
- Oral Hygiene: Toothbrushes and tooth paste
- Toiletries: shampoo (no conditioner please), soap, combs, brushes, etc. ( no lotions needed)
- Educational supplies: Books in Spanish, paper, notebooks crayons, folders, rulers, pencils, sharpeners, glue, etc.
- Baby bundle supplies: cloth diapers, diaper pins, onesies, t-shirts, receiving blankets, wash cloth/towels, caps, baby outfits, pajamas
- Recreational items: stickers, bubbles, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, balloons, Frisbees, soccer items
- Suitcases: medium or large size, sturdy

We will be collecting supplies through March 10. Their departure date is March 17.



## FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

### The Call to Address Racism in Our Hearts and Communities

In their new pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, the Catholic bishops of the United States invite conversion of hearts, minds, and institutions in order to address the evil of racism that still exists in our communities.

By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God. We know that the evil of racism cuts to the core of God's plan for humanity, devaluing the diversity God created within the human family. As followers of Christ, we seek to reclaim the God-given sanctity of each person's inviolable human dignity. The bishops remind us, "The command of love requires us to make room for others in our hearts. It means that we are indeed our brother's keeper (see Gn 4:9)."

Some among us may want to believe that our country has moved beyond the reality of racism that has so profoundly stained its past, or that racism does not involve us. Almost every day, news headlines demonstrate that our country's "original sin" of racism continues to impact the lives of many Americans, many of them Catholic—particularly those who belong to the African American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American communities.

There are signs that racism's legacies remain prevalent in many systemic inequalities that have deep impact on people of color. The bishops write, "Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality—economic and social—that we still see all around us."

Within the walls of the Church, many people of color have experienced discrimination and outright racism. Leadership has been lacking. The bishops write, "All too often, leaders of the Church have remained silent about the horrific violence and other racial injustices perpetuated against African Americans and others." Reflecting on these realities, the bishops implore us to find ways to actively work against the evil of racism. We must seek racial justice within our Church and in our country. Let us all allow the Holy Spirit to convert our hearts to do the work of healing, so we may live authentically in true relationship to one another. Let the fruit of this conversion be evident in our full celebration and integration of ethnic and cultural diversity, which is truly a gift from God. . . Copyright © 2015, Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe

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### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, March 6, is Ash Wednesday. There will be a communion service with distribution of ashes at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday is not a day of obligation, so there is no obligation to attend mass. However, if you would like to

start your Lenten experience with mass, mass at Sacred Heart Newton will be at 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM.

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### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### Sr. Thea Bowman, 1937-1990

Not yet a saint but the US Bishops have asked that her cause be considered

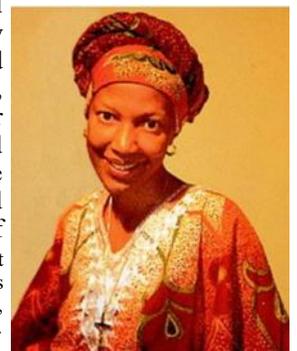
Sr. Thea Bowman was a self-proclaimed "old-folks' child," as her parents, Dr. Theon Bowman and Mary Esther Bowman were middle-aged at the time of her birth. Born Bertha Elizabeth Bowman and raised in Canton, Mississippi, Bowman was exposed early to the richness of her African-American culture and spirituality, most especially the history, stories, songs, prayers, customs and traditions. She converted to Catholicism at age 15 and joined the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, taking the name "Sister Mary Thea" in honor of the Blessed Mother and her father, Theon. Thea, her name in religious life, literally means "God."

Throughout her adult life, Bowman taught at all grade levels, and later became a professor of English and linguistics upon earning her doctorate. In addition, Bowman was a highly acclaimed evangelizer, teacher, writer, and singer sharing the joy of the Gospel and her rich cultural heritage throughout the nation. During a visit to a general assembly of the U.S. bishops in 1989, Bowman urged the bishops to continue to evangelize the African American community, to promote inclusivity and full participation of African-Americans within Church leadership, and to understand the necessity and value of Catholic schools in the African-American community.

Despite being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1984, Bowman continued to travel and speak to spread the Good News until her death in 1990. Bowman said that she wanted inscribed on her tombstone the simple, yet profound words: "She tried." "I want people to remember that I tried to love the Lord and that I tried to love them," she said.

Today, across the United States there are schools; an education foundation to assist needy students attend Catholic universities; housing units for the poor and elderly, and a health clinic for the marginalized that are named in her honor. Books, articles, catechetical resources, visual

media productions, and a stage play have been written or created documenting her exemplary life, spirituality, and ministry; prayer cards, works of art, statues, and stained-glass windows bear her image all attesting to Bowman's profound spiritual impact and example of holiness for the faithful. . Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



**February 24, 2019—11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Rita Krueger and Terri Rosonke  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Grimm, Marcia Grimm, Elizabeth Birkenholtz, & Joann Carrothers  
**Altar Servers:** Makenzie Bussan & Lisa Bussan  
**Greeters:** Sharon Mindham & Bill Hill

**March 3, 2019—11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Joann Carrothers & Mary Dell Flattery  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Krueger, Karen Van Dusseldorp, Linda Barnum, & Kathy Williams  
**Servers:** Irma Bell & Dane Owens  
**Greeters:** Ed & Mary Dell Flattery



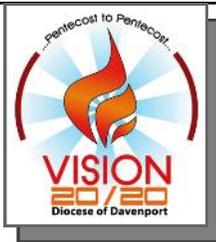
## Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:  
Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)  
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood,  
nephew of Diane Wood  
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and  
Claire Gillan

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation  
program.



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- ⇒ Seminarian Osmin Melendez achieves a milestone.
- ⇒ U.S. bishops near U.S./Mexico border oppose national emergency.
- ⇒ Vatican abuse summit has key, realistic goals, organizers say.
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## THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4  
Psalm 2:4

### Parking Infringement

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

### Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate God, You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today. With great expectation we look to your Spirit empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©2006NCCV [www.nccv-vocations.org](http://www.nccv-vocations.org)

## Mary: The "Yes" that Changed the World: A Women's Retreat

Join women from across the diocese for a retreat on Saturday, April 13th from 9AM-3PM at St. Mary, Williamsburg. Come and explore how Mary's "Yes" calls us to a deeper relationship with God in the silent moments of life, but also, and especially, in the loudest and most hectic moments. Cost is \$30/person until March 24th and \$40/person until April 8th. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/adult-retreat> or contact Rosina Hendrickson (563-888-4244 or [hendrickson@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hendrickson@davenportdiocese.org)).

## A Stewardship Moment

### February 24, The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face-to-face one day. How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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